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RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1902.

## A FIERY FLOOD HALF MILE WIDE

Swept from its Path Humanity and Human Works.

THE LAVA WENT HISSING INTO THE SEA

Latter Receded Three Hundred Feet and Rushed Back With Greater Strength.

THE TERRIBLE SOUNDS OF THE RUMBLING

Town Was Lit Up by Lurid Flashes of Flame from Burning Mountain-Terror Stricken Inhabitants Rushed

> for the Hills, Screaming, Shouting and Wailing, Mad With Terror-Ships Are All Gray With

CASTRES. ST. LUCIA, B. W. I., May 10.—Mont Pelee, volcanic mountal, some ten miles north of St. Pierre, the sommercial capital of Martinique, is the mountain which made commercial capital of Martinique, is the mountain which made a faint show of eruption fifty years ago. On May 3d last it began to throw out dense clouds of smoke. At midnight the same day flames, accompanied with rumbling noises, lighted the sky over an immense area, causing widespread terror. May 4th hot ashes covered the whole city quarter of St. Pierre Island an inch thick and made Mont Pelee invisible. At noon may 5th a stream of burning lava rushed 4,400 feet down the mountain side, following the dry bed of a torrent and reaching the sca five miles from the mountain in three minutes.

In its rush the flery flood swept from its pat.. plantation buildings, facto ies, cattle and human beings over a breadth of about haf a mile.

At the rear of the mouth of Rivire Blanche stood the

large Guerin sugar factory, one of the finest in the island. It is now completely entombed in lava. The tall chimney alone is visible. One hundred and fifty persons are estimated

alone is visible. One hundred and fifty persons are estimated to have perished there including the owner's son.

As the lava rushed into the sea the latter receded three hundred feet all along the west coast. Returning w.... greater strength, a big wave covered the whole sea front of St. Pierre, but doing little damage ashore or afloat.

Terrible sounds heard hundreds of miles northwards, followed, and continued at night. In the intense darkness the ejectric lights failed, but the town was lit up by lurid flashes of flame from the mountain. The terror-stricken inhabitants rushed for the hills in their night clothes, screaming, shoutage and wailing—mal with terror. ng and wailing-mal with terror.

### A SPECTRE SHIP.

The riissono fam'ly escaped to St. Lucia in a small steamer. Thirty-five persons mostly women and children, arrived here in the foreneon of the 6th and furnished the above de-

here in the forenoon of the 6th and furnished the above details. The men remained at Martinique.

The same afternoon late communication was interrupted with both the Island of Martinique and St. Vincent. During the afternoon the British steamer Roddam, which had left St. Lucia at midnight for Martinique. crawled slowly into the Castries harbor, unrecognizable, gray with asnes, her riggings dismantled and salis and awnings hanging about, torn and charred. Captain Whatter reported that having just cast anchor off St. Pierre during fine weather succeding an awful thunderstorm during the night, he was talking to Joseph Pilssono, the ship's agent, who was in a boat alongside, when he saw a tremendous cloud of smoke and glowing and began to burn.

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the morning on Thursday without warning, there came a sort of whiriwind of steam, boiling mud and fire, which suddenly swept the shipping and the Roadstead. There were some eighteen vessels anchored in the harbor, including the Roadstead. There were some eighteen vessels and the French sailing ship Tamaya, four larger sailing ships and others. All of the vessels immediately canted over and began to burn. was in a boat arons, stee, which are growing cinders rushing with terrific rapidity over the town and port, completely, in an instant, enveloping the former in a sheet of flame and raining fire on board. The agent had just time to climb on board when his boat disappeared. Several of the crew of the Roddam were quickly scorched to death.

CREW OF DEAD.

By superhuman efforts, having steam up, the cable was sliped and the steamer backed away from the scene, and nine hours later managed to reach Castries.

The survivors of the Roddam's crew The survivors of the Roddam's crew were loud in their praises of the heroic conduct of their captain in steering his vessel out of danger with his own hands, which were badly burned by the rain of fire which kept falling on the ship for miles after she got under way. Beyond burns all over his body the captain is safe, as is also the ship's agent, though the lot well were here.

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SOLE SURVIVOR.

Mr. Plissono is believed here to be the sole survivor of the 40,000 inhabitants of St. Pierre who remained there, for the town and the shipping in the port have been utterly destroyed, the West Indian and Panama Telegraph Company's repairing steamer Grappler going first, then the Quebec liner Roraima, Captain Mugga, the latter waving his hand in farewell to the Roddam as his vesses sank with a terrific explosion.

The British Royal Mail steamer Esk, which called off Martinique at 10 P. M. last night, reports standing off shere five miles, sounding her whistle and sending up rockets. She received no answer The whole sea front was blazing for miles, The Esk sent a boat ashore, but it could not land owing to the terrific heat, which was accompanied by loud, explosions. Not a living soul appeared ashore after the boat had waited for two hours. Fire and ashes fell all over the steamer.

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In the afternoon a French coasting steamer arrived here from Fort de France, seeking assistance, as all the country was burned up, the stock was dying, all the plantations were charred, the country receive were flecking into the town and famine was feared. The steamer was recpie were flocking into the town and famine was feared. The steamer was loaded with food of all sorts, and was sont back to Martinique at 7 P. M. The captain of this vessel reported that some thirty persons left St. Pierre by the 6 o'clock boat, making for Fort de France, and consequently were saved.

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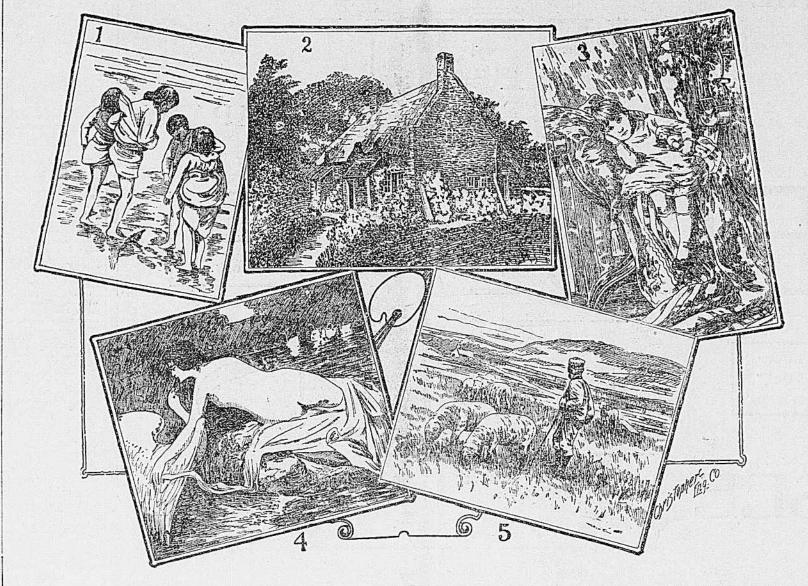
All attempts to get to St. Pierre are larred by fire. The closest observers raw houses still blazing and streets them with charred bodies. It is certain that the whole town and neighboring country for miles around were utterly de-

has burst out in sympathetic eruption A steamer which returned from there last night reports that the northern third of the island was in flames and cut off from assistance by a continuous stream of burning lava, ashes falling in heavy showers as far as one hundred and fifty noises away. Kingston, the capital of St. Vincent, is safe, but people here are very anxious as to the fate of that is-

Dominica and St. Lucia have been very active geysers, but they show no depart-ure from normal conditions as yet. Food-

with the first mate of the Roraima thus describes the mate of the Roraima thus describes the mate of the Roraima thus describes t disaster at St. Pierre:

## SOME FAMOUS PAINTINGS HUNG IN THE RICHMOND ART CLUB'S EXHIBIT



1. On the Beach at Long Island, by James Symington. 2. The Thatched Cottage, by Walter Paris. 3. Reverle (a portrait), by Richard Brooks, 4. Leda and Her Swan, by Elliott Daingerfield. 5. A Shepherd Boy, by Irving Couse.

A treat is in store for Richmonders this week in the art exhibit, which opens Tuesday morning at No. 12 East Franklin street.

and began to burn.

The Tamaya was a bark from Nantes, Captain Maurice, and was on her way to Pointe-a-Pitre. All the boats except to Pointe-a-Pitre. All the boats except the Roraima sank instantly and at the same moment.

"Every house ashere was immediately destroyed and apparently buried under the ashes and burning lava. An officer who was sent ashore penetrated but a short distance into the city. He found only a few walls standing and the streets literally paved with corpses. The Governor of the island, who had arrived only hours later managed to reach Castres. Ten of the Roddam's men were lying dead, charred and burned out of human semblance, among the black cinders which covered the ship's deck to a depth of six inches. Two more of crew have lation could have escaped."

The cruiser Suchet was here yesterday buying provisions for the survivors in the outlying districts. She started for Fort de France last night with a large quantity of stores, which were imme-diately put under military guard. Negroes are flocking in vast numbers into Fort de France from the surrounding coun-try demanding food.

"The Soupiere has been in a state of eruption for nine consecutive mornings. On Thursday morning at daybreak, with heavy thunder and lightning, which soon changed into a continuous, tremendous roar, vast columns of smoke rose over the mountain, becoming denser and denser, and the scoria-like hall, changing later to fine dust, fell upon all the adjacent estates destraying a vast adjacent estates, destroying a vast amount of property. At Chateau Belair the ashes were two feet deep in the streets. In Kingston they were fully an inch deep, and large stones fell in the parish of Georgetown. The earth shook violently, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon a midnight darkness spread over the country. Thirty people are known to have been killed, and the damage to property in the windward district was very

The storm roared about Soufriere all night without cessation, but on the following morning it became intermittent and fainter. A report from Barbados says that on the 7th instant the sky was heavily overcast, the heat was excessive and there was a distant sound of thun-der. Later, early in the afternoon, dense darkness set in and a great quan tity of vivid dust fell and continued falling until a late hour. No damage is re-

### FORTY THOUSAND.

Island of Martinique Not Only Sufferer from Volcanic Eruption.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 10.—The following cablegram was received this morning at the Colonial Office from Governor Sir. Fred-erick Mitchel Hodgeson, of Barbadoes: "The Soufriere volcano on St. Vincent, The Sourriere volcano on St. Vincent, E. W I., erupted violently yesterday. Loud reports resembling artillery fire were heard at Barbadoes at 3 ociock in the afternoon. At five o'clock there came darkness and thunder, accompanied by a strong downpour of dust which continued until night. Barbadoes is covered several inches deep with dust this morning.
Governor Liellwyn, of the Windward (Continued on Second Page.)

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Between 6:30 o'clock and 7 o'clock on MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF ISLAND OF MARTINIQUE.

Richmond Art Club will be a revelation to the residents of this old, historic city when they pay their first visit to the old Talcott house, which is the exhibition out lateout nouse, which is the exhibition hall, at No. 12 East Franklin Street. For days past works of art, which include some of the finest specimens of the artist's brush, from New York, Boston, Chicago and Washington, as well as specimens from other cities, have been received, and are now hour in good. received, and are now hung, in good lights, on the walls. The American painter and the American sculptor has sent some of the finest products of his genius. and many pictures to be seen will stand the test of time and will be remembered in years to come. The specimens from in years to come. The spectmens from the brush of these celebrated artists, as well as our home talent, which compares very favorably, all things being taken in-to consideration, will be extremely in-teresting to the visitor during the week, especially if they compare the play of the artists' fancy in the various departments artists' fancy in the various departments of art. The greatest possibilities are with the artist; he is free to sound the note of pure imagination, or to strike the chord of bread sympathy, which shall extend to the whole of nature from man down through the world of living things to the shadowy woods in which we may find the voice of friendship. He may lay a quieting hand on sorrow, or awaken the slumbering sense of power. The spirit of the worker is painted in with brush, fashioned in clay or chiseled out in mar-

This exhibition is not so much to show the works and improvement in the home school, but to interest the people of this city in art, by showing them, without going from home, the finest works of some great masters.

ELLIOTT DAINGERFIELD.

Perhaps among the most celebrated ar tists exhibiting is Elliott Daingerfield, who was born in Virginia, but now is classed amongst the New York artists. He is amongst the New York artists. He is best known by his Madonnas, two of which have been copied all over the world, while his genre work has won for him the name of the "American Millet." The canvases which will be seen here are well known in New York, Philadelphia and Boston, where they have been exhiband Boston, where they have been exhibited during the past year. The most ambitious of these, "Lida and Her Swan," was first exhibited at the annual exhibition of the Society of American Artists a year ago last March, when it received much favorable comment from individual and press critics alike, Mr. Dainger, the age to the second master of the age. gerfield is past-grand master of the art of color, and his more partial friends have made for him comparisons with the old masters themselves, wherein he suf-fered no disparagement. The other ple-tures are known as "The Song of the Mocking-Bird," a tender moonlight scene done in the mountains of North Caro-lina, and "'Tis Love That Makes the World Go Round," a chubby boy, an World Go Round," a chubby boy, an ideal Cupid, turning a globe in his hands. Mr. Daingerfield's genius is not confined to one form of expression, for he is also a poet of ability, and many of his pictures are the accompaniment to lines of great beauty and artistic value.

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Born in Virginia of the well-known family of that name, his parents removed to Fayetteville, N. C., soon after the war, where he grew to manhood. Going to New York to study art, he has hewn his way to the top, where his leadership is acknowledged not only as a painter of pictures, but as an able instructor as well. Two days in every week during the winter season he spends with his class in Philadelphia, while among his punits there are prize winners on both pupils there are prize winners on both sides of the Atlantic. His summers are spent at his home in Bloeming Rock, N. C., where his winter students follow

N. C., where his whiter students follow him for the benefit of the outdoor work in the Blue Ridge Mountians. His studio is among the "Brother-hood" in the Holbern buildings in West Fifty-fifth Street, and his Monday afternoons are very popular, not only for what he has to show but for his charm-ing and unaffected personality, which makes a visit to him a social as well as an artistic treat.

I. A. Josephi is another prominent exhibitor. While he is chiefly a miniature painter, of which this country holds the

scape painter, and exhibits a charming oil color of "A Summer Day on Long Island Sound."

He is better in his treatment of water scenes than of the foliage landscape, giving in the former a very truthful ren-

more the result of gradual assimilation than of sudden impression. He is a dis-tinctly American product, having not yet crossed the ocean. A New York critic said of him: "Williams does not seem to have exhausted himself on any one canvas. One feels that he has selected from an opulent store house the impressions that he deemed best suited to his purpose, and that the same theme might have been treated differently, had he so desired, many times. He is a man whose development has been steady and in the right direction. His fault, perhaps, is that in instances he puts on the paint too thick, but it is a fault which he will outgrow.'

Everett L. Warner, of New York, is an exhibitor, and it is to be regretted that had sold all of his works. But he still has several excellent landscapes, including one wood scene, of which washes and treatment are excellent. Mr. Warner is the rising young artist of the day, being only in his twenties, and was day, being only in his twenties, and was said to be, by Moser, the Washington art critic, "the most promising young water colorist in this country," while a celebrated Boston critic said: "It was an investment for anyone to buy his pictures.'
William Paris, of Washington, has william Paris, of Washington, sent some excellent water colors, the scenes being laid around Warwick (Shakespeare's England). His "Thatch-Cottage" is extremely realistic and the coloring and lights very good. Every detail is brought out, but not too promi-

giving in the former a very truthful rendering of its various phases, especially in the character of the atmosphere and the olly smoothness of the water. Mr. Josephi is well known by his miniatures. He has a case of them on exhibition here.

Mr. Frederick B. Williams, a young artist of about thirty, is also among the exhibitors, and possesses, perhaps, an individuality that no other exhibitor has, in that all his paintings, whether in oil or water colors, are done from memory or imagination. His pictures are, therefore, more the result of gradual assimilation

structor of the composition and costume classes of the Art Students' League. For the excellent exhibit from Chicago the chairman of this exhibition has to thank Miss Alice B. Thayer, who has been untiring in her energy, going to sev-cial of the artists herself to ask them to send contributions. She has sent some excellent pictures herself, which show a

Perhaps the most noted artist in the West is Frederick W. Freer, of Chicago, who was a medalist both at the World's Fair and Pan-American Exposition. He will exhibit "Happy Hours," which is an out-door picture, showing a mother and child in a hammock on a July day. This is considered a fine example of Mr. Freer's well-known out-of-door style.

Other pictures worthy of notice are those of Miss I. J. Burgess, the young artist who did the musical decorations for the State reception-room at the World's Fair. She exhibits some charm-ing water colors, in which the greens predominate; the "Old Cedars" is especially fine.

Chicago artists have also sent a bronze by Henning Rydon, who is very versa-tile as a painter, sculptor and carver, While he was born in Sweden studied mostly in London, he makes his home in the West now.

Miss E. M. Scott, who exhibits several

water color rose sketches, is considered to be the best water color flower painter of New York, her lights on the flowers being of particularly soft, pleasing effect.

# "Where the Dew Drinks," by Roswell Morse Shurtleff, is among the pictures hung, and while his animal pictures are considered by far his finest works, this picture gives a good idea of his skill

Making No Effort to Induce Miners to Disobey Strike Order-The Result of Convention

ANTHRACITE COAL OPERATORS

is in Doubt.

(By Associated Press.) strong sentiment among the miners in this district that President Mitchell is opposed to a strike, and no matter how the operators may view it the Mine Workers' Union can afford to refuse to engage in the conflict which one men the operators are inviting.

Most of the miners hereabouts had a half holiday owing to the semi-monthly pay-day. The miners congregated in groups and on "The Pate corners to-night and discussed the question of mak-ing the strike order permanent. On the Sunday preceding the Monday on which the 1900 strike order took effect, the mine bosses worked like Trojans among their personal friends in the ranks of the miners, to urge them against obeying the strike order. To-day the bosses are re-ligiously holding aloof from their men. COURT CONFLICT.

The miners realize this and are disposed SCRANTON, PA., May 10.-There is a to accept it as an evidence that the operators are courting a conflict. This, coupled with the fact that the rank and file are firmly convinced that National President Mitchell is against a strike, will have a strong influence towards an anti-strike vote in the meeting to be held Monday. President Mitchell and committeemen

of the three districts held a meeting this morning, but nothing was made pub-lic. The committeemen left for their

homes this morning. President Mitchell is still here attending to his correspondence. He will leave for Hazelton Tuesday afternoon.

There is no question but that the order to temporarily suspend work on Monday will be obeyed in the Scranton district. None of the companies expect any of the men, except the engineers, firemen, and pump-runners, to report for work Mon-day morning.

The railways have laid off nearly all There is absolutely no effort on the part of the operators, as far as are apparent here, to discourage a strike. for locomotives,

## DR. PITT UNDER A CLOSE FIRE

PRICE THREF CENTS.

Endorsed Action in Home Board Severing Relationship With Diaz.

THE CUBAN IS ON THE GROUND

He Desires to Appear Before the Con-

PLEA FOR THE MOUNTAIN REGION

Savannah, Georgia, Will Be the Next Place of Meeting of the Convention-The Theological Seminary and Home Missions Occupy Most of

> the Attention of the Session. Plan to Reduce Discus-

sion on Floor.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 10 .- The interest of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary engaged the Southern Baptist Convention during the first morning hour, Rev. Dr. E. X. Mullins, the president of the Seminary, being the speaker. Home Missions has occupied almost all the rest of the morning and afternoon sessions. Missionary Brown spoke on the work in what is known as the "Mountain Region," where every fifth man is a Baptist.

The great need of this region is education, and the speaker told of the thirst of the youth for education.

The report of the committee on the work in Cuba awakened immediate interest. Rov. Dr. R. H. Fitt, the chairman of the committee, had questions fired at him from all parts of the house. He was courteous and cool, and so the master of the situation.

SAVED HEATED DISCUSSION.

Heperhaps saved the convention from a heated and unpleas-ant discussion. His report endorsed the action of the Home Board in regard to the Cuba work and Diaz, except that the board should sooner have severed the relationship with Diaz In connection with the discussion of the report Ohallaran

a native Cuban, a perfect type of the Latinis races, addressed the convention in Spanish, Mr. Daniel acting as interpreter. So emotional and dramatic was the Cuban's manner and volce that one delegate shouted amen at the end of a long Spanish senting. that one delegate stated amount at the control of a log Spanish tence. The convention rose and stood while Dr. Geo. Dana, Boardman was presented. He was too feeble to make a speech or to have himself heard, so his whispered words were given to the audience by Dr. J. B. Hawthorne.

The convention also did honor in like manner to H. H. Hickman, of Augusta, Ga., who was present at the organization of the convention in 1845.

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SHUT OFF DEBATE.

Dr. Eaton, of Kentucky, offered a resolution this afternoon, which, at future conventions, will curb the flow of "elost quence." Nominating speeches and addresses of welcome will be limited as to number and length.

On Thursday night Dr. M. C. Peters, of Baltimore, made a strong presentation of the Baptist position in regard to the ordinance of bantism. In this morning.

Opaper the Episcopalian rector, Rev. Mc. The seventh annual exhibition of the laurels for best work, he is also a land- Lately he has been summering in the Neely Dubois, comes out in a card, tak-

Adirondacks, and most of his paintings bear on that place. In his landscape paintings one cannot fail to recognize those subtle phases of nature which generally put the brush at defiance.

Neery Publis, comes out in a tank, take ments of Dr. Peters.

Dr. Diaz has arrived and will seek to appear before the convention. It remains to be seen whether he will succeed or appear before the convention. It remains to be seen whether he will succeed og not.

The Seminary trustees elected Rev. T. J. Shipman as a trustee this afternoon. He fills the vacancy caused by me re-moval of Mr. McConnell to Georgia. Other Virginians have arrived so that there are more than 145 on the ground, the

largest delegation present.

The committee on time and place of next meeting announced that Savannah.

Ga., will be recommend as the city in which to hold the convention of 1903

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

The report of the Sunday-school Board presented by Dr. J. M. Frost, gives the following statement of results for the

The receipts have exceeded these of last year by \$10,064.74, giving the handsome total of \$89,345.71. This total contains no-

### SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

FORECAST.

Sunday, partly cloudy and warm. Monday, fair; fresh east to south winds.
Highest temperature yesterday.

Mean temperature yesterday.

Mormal temperature for May.

Departure from normal temperature.

Precipitation (in inches) during past

24 hours

LOCAL

Great crowd participates in Oakwood femorial observance. Address of Honoohn Goode. ohn Goode. Strike of Alleghany Box Company's emo-loyes. Trouble thought to end to-more. Blues have fine celebration of annivers

Sines have fine celebration of anniversary at the Masonic Temple.

Clay Ward Actives take unique stanforgarding their support of candidates.

Henrico citizen heavily fined for interference with school teacher.

Many real estate sales reported. Building plans shelved on account of high price of labor and material.

Arrangements for reonening of the Jean

Arrangements for reopening of the Je-ferson Hotel next Thursday.
Police give up investigation of the deat of Clifford M. Allen. Convinced that was case of accidental drowning. VIRGINIA.

Major Otey's will probated at Lynch burg.
Negro falls under a train at Culpeper and is killed.
Mr. Henry C. Stewart's barn in Russell burned with fine horses.
Jim Wright, the noted outlaw in Scott county, shoots Jefferson Roberts, an old enemy, from amush.
Joseph B. Knuckols died at Indian Springs with small-pox. Reports from Bristol exaggerated.

ARE COURTING A CONFLICT. Springs with small-pox. Reports from Bristol exaggerated.

John Skelton Williams mentioned as president of Jamestown Exposition.

Woodstock citzens nominate a munici-pal ticket.

Boy dies from chloroform while being operated on at Lexington.

Municipal ticket nominated in Black-stone.

GENERAL.

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Further reports from Martinique fully confirm horrors of the disaster there. Fully forty thousand perished. The Cincinnati ordered to proceed to the scene. Senate passed bill to appropriate \$100,000 for aid of the sufferers. Stream of lavahalf mile wide flowed down into the seadestroying everything in its path.

Miners discuss the strike situation, and there seems to be doubt as to whether it will be made perpetual.

Bill against the beef trust, filed by Attorney Bethea, recites at length the inequities of the combination.

Methodists in conference at Dallas, Tex., set aside Monday as a day of prayer for harmony on the war claims matter, Dr. Smith, of Virginia, stirs up breeze by resolution looking to abolishing of the publishing house.

Day in Baptist Convention in Ashevilla is interesting. Quite a discussion over the relations with Dr. Diaz. Savannah seelected as the next meeting place.

the relations with Dr. Diaz. Savannan see lected as the next meeting place. Senator Balley in the Senate raises question of President's right to name and the propriety of this country's sending an embassy to the coronation of any

monarch in Clemson College adjusted and the students will return.

Express train held up, but robbers failed to secure any books.

stroyed, and few, if any, of the inhabi tints escaped.

The volcano of the Island of St. Vincent